the allotment of these licenced shops/depots to the SC/ST; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and whether the Government propose to make reservation in the above mentioned licenced Fair Price Shops etc. according to the population of SC/ST during the centenary celebration Year of Dr. Baba Saheb B.R. Ambedkar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b). Delhi Administration have reported that licences for 463 Fair Price Shops (FPS) and 100 Kerosene Oil Depots were issued by them during the last three years out of which 55 FPS and 39 Kerosene Oil Depots were allotted to persons belonging to SC/ST communities.

(c)and (d). In pursuance of a suggestion from the Ministry of Civil Supplies and Public Distribution, the Delhi Administration maintain from February, 1989, a circle-wise roster for allotment of FPS and Kerosene Oil Depots to persons belonging to SC/ST communities.

Demand For Abolition Of Contract Labour In FCI

6640. PROF.K.V. THOMAS:Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether trade unions are demanding the aboliation of contract labour in the Food Corporation of India;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) the number of contract labourers working in FCI, State-wise; and

(d) the benefits given to these contract workers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The FCI has since signed an agreement with FCI Workers Union (on 12.4.1991) for abolition of Contract labour system in 102 centres.

(c)No exact data is available with FCI as the labourers are employed by the contractors on the basis of day-to-day work-load.

(d) Provisions for following benefits have been made by FCI in their Agreements with their Handling and Transport Contractors:-

i) Compensation against accident injury

ii) Contribution towards provident Fund as per EPF ACT,1952.

iii) Compliance with labour regulation enactments made by State Government/
Government of India in respect of payment of wages to the workers.

iv) Payment of minimum wages as notified
by appropriate authority from time to time

v) Weekly off.

vi) Attendence allowance.

vii) Health and welfare facilities like canteen,
rest room, lavatories,washing facilities
and First-aid arrangements etc.

In case, the contractors fail to provide these benefits, it is the FCI which, as a principal employer, has to ensure compliance by the contractors of these and various other provisions of contract labour(Regulation

& Abolition Act), 1970 and such other welfare laws in force.

[*Translation*]

Sub-Standard Wheat in PDS

6641. SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH:
SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to reffer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 3816 on August 21,1991 and state :

(a) the reasons for the supply of sub-standard wheat despite the fact that it was detected that wheat was sub-standard;

(b) the names of the persons responsible for the financial loss to be incurred therefrom;

(c) the State-wise, quantity-wise, price-wise and godown - wise details of wheat not fit for human consumption all over the country; and

(d) the action proposed to be taken by Government with regard there top?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b). The complaint regarding 2 bags of sub-standard quality out of 81 quintals of wheat came to the notice of Delhi Administration after the consignment had been delivered to the Fair Price shop. The concerned Fair Price Shop operator did not lodge a complaint of the poor quality of wheat. No supplies of wheat out of these 2 bags were, however, made to the consumers.

(c) and (d) A statement showing region-wise stock position of wheat unfit for human consumption as on 31.7.91 is given in the attached statement,The stocks are disposed off by Food Corporation of India, as per their procedures, depending on the stock being fit for cattle/poultry feed or manurial use etc.

STATEMENT

Statement showing the Region wise stock position of wheat damaged/unfit for human consumption as on 31.7.91(in tonnes)

Sl. No	*Region*	*Wheat damaged*	*wheat below 'd' category*
1	*2*	*3*	*4*
1.	West Bangal	1628	2920
2.	Bihar	4638	17885
3.	Orissa	385	5135
4.	Culcutta	1851	25335
5.	Assam	153	1036